



Atty Docket No. 016472-0311718
U.S. Application No. 10/686,499
Response to Election of Species Requirement

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: 3529

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Group Art Unit: 1631

Appln. No.: 10/686,499

Examiner: Marina I. Miller

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY ANALYZING GENE EXPRESSION SPOTS IN A MICROARRAY

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the classification of contamination, which includes claims 4-7, 24-27, 42-45, and 53-56. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 8-23, 28-41, and 57-62 are generic. As such, claims 1-62 are pending in this application, all of which are under consideration.

As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),

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and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. **016472-0311718**).

Dated: July 18, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



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